

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1498 – HB 2238**

March 21, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires student assessment tests be conducted without any major problems occurring in the design, implementation, or scoring in order for the assessment data to be used for student growth data in teacher evaluations.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Passage of this legislation could result in either a mandatory increase or decrease in local government expenditures. The extent and timing of any mandatory local impacts cannot be determined for they are dependent upon future unknown events.\***

Assumptions:

- No change in Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula.
- The Department of Education will be able to exclude the assessment from teacher evaluations within existing resources.
- The legislation requires a major problem with assessments before it may be excluded from teacher evaluations.
- Tenn. Code Annotated § 49-1-302(d)(2)(B)(ii) requires 35 percent of evaluation criteria be based on student growth data as represented by the Tennessee Value Added Assessment System (TVAAS); in the event of a major problem, this assessment data would have to be excluded.
- Excluding assessment data may increase or decrease educators' evaluation scores.
- Evaluation scores as well as individual and school-wide TVAAS data are used in varying ways in the differentiated pay plans for various local education agencies (LEAs).
- Excluding assessment data could result in either a net increase or a net decrease in local government expenditures depending on how it affects the various differentiated pay plans for LEAs; due to these unknown factors, the extent and timing of any local fiscal impact cannot reasonably be determined. However, any such local impact is considered a mandatory impact.



**\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.***

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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